

SOUTH BEND

MAY 2006

Building a 21st Century City
MAYOR STEPHEN J. LUECKE

Letter from the Mayor

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

Last month, the South Bend Police Dept. and our entire community experienced a great loss. Officer Scott Severns was killed protecting the life of another person, while trying to foil a robbery attempt. He gave his life fulfilling his commitment and his pledge as a Police Officer to protect others. This is a terrible loss for the Severns family, Scott's fellow officers and our community.

I would like to share with you a brief glimpse of the life and the commitment of this young South Bend Police Officer. Scott is a true hero and will be remembered for his highly decorated eight years in law enforcement. He was a four time recipient of the Officer of the Month Award, the Chief's Award for Valor, a Unit Meritorious Service award for his work on the SWAT team, and Police Officer of the Year for 2004.

Cpl. Severns was a long-time member of the Midnight Shift - Patrol Division and had recently transferred to the Metro Special Operations Section as a Narcotics Investigator. Scott possessed a great work ethic, extreme courage, and dedication to the South Bend Police Department and to our community. His goal was to one day become a K-9 Officer and follow in the footsteps of his father, Dennis. In fact, Scott was a third generation South Bend Police Officer.

As the events of the evening unfolded on April 21, I continued to be impressed with the professionalism and determination of our South Bend Police Department officers and command staff. Throughout the night, our officers worked quickly and diligently to gather important crime scene evidence. They supported each other in the wake of this tragedy and they joined together to ensure that our entire community continued to be protected and to receive the services that they provide day in and day out.

I want to recognize Chief Thomas Fautz and the members of the South Bend Police Department for all of their efforts during this very trying time. Our outstanding team, along with the statewide FOP Memorial Team and volunteers from all of the area law enforcement and fire services agencies coordinated resources so that family and fellow officers were able to receive counseling and support services. In spite of their own sorrow, this group of dedicated individuals demonstrated compassion in the face of tragedy and exemplified what it means to be a Public Safety Officer.

I also want to thank everyone who answered the call to donate blood in the aftermath of the shooting, or took the time to offer prayers and encouragement for Cpl. Severns and his family and friends. I encourage you to take the opportunity to express thanks to a police officer and those who protect our community. They are ordinary people who have accepted the extraordinary responsibility of putting their lives on the line for the rest of us, every day.

This event is a sobering reminder of the pain and loss that guns and violence can inflict on our community. Violence separates parents from children, for both the victim and the perpetrator. It is appropriate at this time to remember that everyone in our community suffers this loss, and everyone has a responsibility to help ensure a Safe City by abiding by our laws, and by investing in our neighborhoods and young people. I urge you to consider becoming involved in a mentoring program through

your local faith center or school, a neighborhood association, or partner in one of the many community outreach programs through the South Bend Police Dept., to help create a community of hope and cooperation. Only through partnering together to help resolve issues of drugs, violence, peer pressure, and family issues can we create a fitting memorial to Cpl. Severns, and the men and women who dedicate their lives to protecting us.

Sincerely,



Mayor Steve

THIS MONTH...

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Summer in South Bend

Aqua Adventures in South Bend!

♦ **East Race Waterway** - A public whitewater rafting/kayaking course for beginners and advanced, with more than 5 miles of paved & lighted walking/running paths along the St. Joseph River, in the heart of downtown!

Open: Beginning June 10, weekends only, Saturday 12–5pm, Sunday 1–5pm.

Fees: Rafts & Funyacks \$3 per person per ride, all equipment included. Recreational canoists & kayakers \$10 per person per day.

♦ **Potawatomi Pool** - Located at Potawatomi Park near Kids' Kingdom. Regulation pool with water slide and kiddie pool with spray feature.

Open: June 8–Aug. 13, Monday–Sunday 12–6pm, Wednesday (Family Night) 6–8pm

♦ **Kennedy Water Playground** - Located at Kennedy Park. Low-depth interactive water playground.

Open: June 2–Aug. 13, Monday – Saturday 11am – 5pm; Sunday 12–5pm

For more information, visit www.sbpark.org/aquatics/swimmingpools.htm, or call 299-4765.



2006 Schedule

Baseball returned to South Bend this Spring...for good! Come on out to root, root, root for your hometown 2005 Midwest League Champs!

May		3-6	Beloit
8-11	Burlington	12-14	Dayton
12-15	Peoria	20-23	Kane County
25-28	Dayton	28-31	Cedar Rapids
June		August	
2-5	Lansing	1-4	W. Michigan
6-9	SW Michigan	10-13	Lansing
15-18	Lansing	20-21	Ft. Wayne
29-30	Quad Cities	28-31	Dayton
July		September	
1-2	Quad Cities	3-4	Ft. Wayne

Tickets start at \$5 - to purchase tickets or for more information, please call 235-9988, or visit www.silverhawks.com!



World's Largest Garage Sale

Saturday, June 3, 2006

In the Municipal Parking Garge at the corner of Main & Colfax Streets, Downtown South Bend! Admission is free, one person's trash is another's treasure! Booth space is available for \$20 per 8 x 10 space. For more information, please visit www.sbpark.org/special/world.htm, or call 299-4768, ext. 238.



Now Open for the Season!

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for kids 3-14 and over 62! For more information, call 235-9800 or visit www.potawatomizoo.org. Ask us about Zoo Camp!

Fridays by the Fountain

6th Season of Free Music Downtown!

Local Blues, Jazz, Rock, Latin and Country bands take "the stage" on Jon Hunt Plaza in front of the Morris Performing Arts Center, on Fridays in June, July and August. This outdoor mini lunch-hour concert series is sponsored by the Morris, and all concerts are **FREE!** Music begins at 11:30 a.m. and ends at 1:30 p.m. This year's dates are:

June 9, 23; July 7, 21; August 4, 18

Downtown restaurants, including the Morris Bistro, offer a variety of lunchtime favorites, or you may choose to "brown bag" it. Tables are set in and around the plaza to provide space to eat and enjoy the festivities, or you may opt to bring a blanket and relax on the lawn.

For more information, visit www.morriscenter.org/friday.html, or call 235-9198.

FREE Music in the Parks!



Can't get downtown on Friday afternoons? The East Race and Potawatomi Park Summer Concert Series' kick off their seasons on Sunday, June 18! These FREE concerts will be presented every Sunday, at 4 p.m. at Seitz Park on the East Race, and at 7 p.m. at the Potawatomi Park Bandshell.

For more information, please visit www.sbpark.org, or call 235-4768, ext. 238.

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